

SENATE BILL 2168

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49,
Chapter 9, relative to community service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) A student attending a public institution of higher education who is not receiving the Tennessee Promise scholarship is encouraged to participate voluntarily in at least ten (10) hours of community service each semester that the student is in attendance. The community service shall comply with the rules promulgated by the Tennessee higher education commission under subsection (c).

(b) The public institution of higher education from which a student graduates who participated each semester of attendance in community service that meets the specifications of subsection (a) shall recognize the student's achievement at graduation by awarding a certificate of service, placing an appropriate designation on the student's diploma or other credential, providing a ribbon or cord to be worn with the graduation regalia, or recognizing the community service in another suitable manner.

(c) The Tennessee higher education commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. The rules shall substantially comply with the rules promulgated by the Tennessee student assistance corporation for the Tennessee Promise scholarship community service

program, except for the requirement that the student verify the community service to a partnering organization of the Tennessee Promise scholarship program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.